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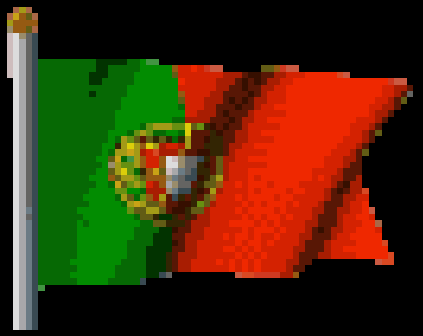

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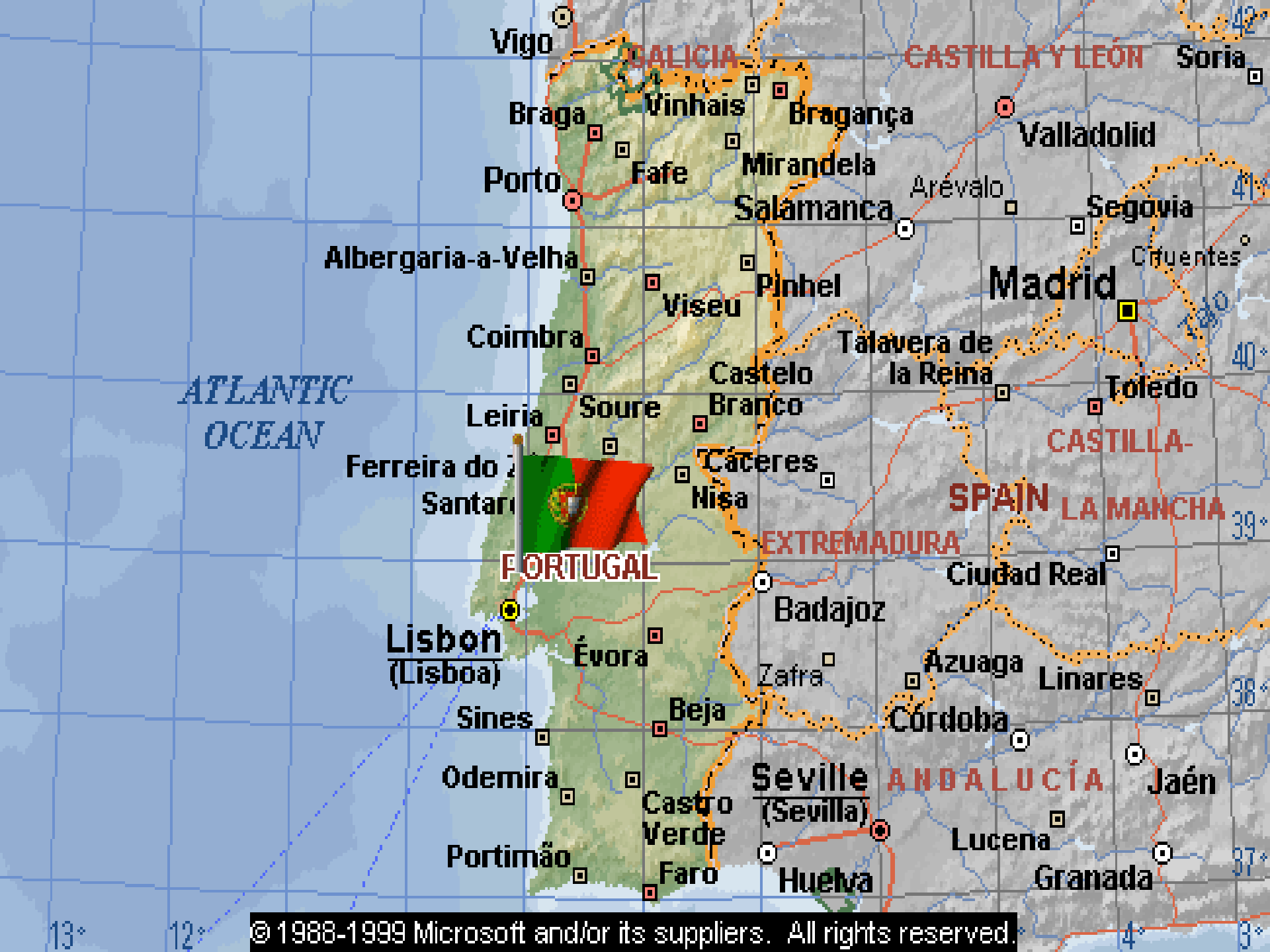
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BACKGROUND

Full Name: Portuguese Republic

Capital: Lisbon

Population: 9,918,040 (est)

Type of government: Parliamentary Dem

Head of government: PM Antonio Manu Oliveria Guterres

Official language(s) Portuguese

Economy: Socialist- capitalist

Religions: Roman Catholic (97%)

TRAVEL

Travel restrictions: None

International Airport: Lisbon

Flights from Frankfurt: TAP Air Portugal

Other methods of arrival: Ship/rail/road

U.S. Embassy address: Avenida Das Forcas Armadas, Lisbon
Tel: 351-1-770-2266/3330; FAX: 351-1-727-1142

Transportation: Public transportation: Good.

Urban Roads/Maintenance: Good to Fair.

Rural roads/Maintenance: Good to Poor.

Availability of roadside assistance: Good to Fair. U.S. visitors to Portugal may drive with a valid U.S. driver's license for up to six months. For international driving permits, contact AAA in the U.S. at 1-800-222-4357.

ENTRY/EXIT

Travel Necessities: Military personnel (not assigned to NATO command) on leave or permissive TDY require leave orders and ID cards. Military personnel (assigned to NATO command) on leave require NATO travel orders issued under the provisions of Service directives and ID card. For mainland Portugal, the Azores and Madeira: Civilian personnel (including dependents) require passports. A visa is not required for tourists or business stays of up to 90 days in a

Customs, immigration, and quarantine inspection is required.

Duty-free entry for used personal effects: Portuguese customs procedures require travelers carrying items (other than personal use items) to mention specific details on the temporary duty orders (DD 1610) or provide a certificate signed by the traveler's supervisor. Temporary duty personnel carrying repair parts, testing and diagnostic equipment, desktop computers, more than one laptop computer, etc., must have the facts documented before being passed through

HELPFUL HINTS

Special restrictions: Permission of the Portuguese government is required for the importation of firearms. U.S. citizens who are considered to have acquired Portuguese citizenship may be subject to certain aspects of Portuguese law, such as mandatory voting and military service. Portugal is a developed and stable democracy with a modern economy. Tourist facilities are widely available. Additional information may be obtained from the Portuguese National Tourist Office by telephone at 1-800-767-8842 or via the Internet at http://www.portugal.org. Taxis are a reliable means of transportation though travelers should pay attention to discrepancies between the meter fare and the amount requested by the driver. Buses are reliable and inexpensive. Duty hours are 0800-1700 Local.

MONEY

Currency restrictions: Personal checks for official travelers may be exchanged for Portuguese currency at the embassy with prior coordination. Automated Teller Machines: Most US ATM cards (Cirrus/Plus) are accepted at MultiBanco Machines throughout Portugal. Operating instructions are available in English. Monies are dispensed at current exchange rates and are usually very competitive.

Rate: Approximate: 207 Portuguese Escudo for $1.

HEALTH

Major threats: diarrhea, respiratory diseases, accidents, arthropod-borne diseases, STDs, cold injuries, and industrial pollution.

Availability of medical services: Good. Although medical facilities are available, doctors and hospitals often expect immediate cash payment for health services.

Medical Insurance: May not apply in Portugal.

Status of hospitals: Good.

Health Precautions: None.

Immunizations: Hep A (recommended), Hep B (recommended), TB (recommended) MMR (recommended) and tetanus-disptheria boosters (recommended).

FORCE PROTECTION

Country Clearance: Required for all military personnel traveling to Portugal. You obtain this by going through your S3/G3 section. This must be done at least 30 days ahead of scheduled visit. DV visits will also be coordinated through G3/S3 channels.

Briefings: AT/FP level I brief from command's Level II trainer or equivalent.

Portugal has one of the highest rates of automobile accidents and fatalities in Europe. Road travel in certain areas is hazardous due to poor illumination on narrow, rough roads, potholes, confusing road signs, poorly marked road works, vehicles without working lights and slow-moving road repair or agricultural machinery. Excessive speeds, unpredictable driving habits, and reckless motorcyclists are additional hazards. Fines for traffic violations are substantial and must usually be paid on the spot.

CRIME

Criminal Activities: Although Portugal has a relatively low rate of violent crime, petty crime against tourists is on the rise. In general, visitors to Portugal should carry limited cash and credit cards, and should also carry a photocopy of their U.S. passport in a secure location. - Lisbon Area: Pickpocketing and purse-snatchings occur in the Lisbon area in buses, trams, train stations, the airport, restaurants and in the Alfama district. Gangs of thieves operate on the tram and bus lines, especially tram number 28 to the castle of Sao Jorge. At restaurants, thieves snatch cameras, purses and backpacks slung over the back of chairs or placed to the side of or underneath chairs. Near Lisbon, thieves operate in parking areas at tourist attractions and near restaurants. Vehicles identifiable as rental or non-local are targeted and may be burglarized even if left unattended for only a few minutes. - Algarve: Most thefts in the southern coastal area of Portugal

Portugal is strict on: Drugs. Penalties for possession, use, or trafficking of illegal drugs in Portugal are strict and convicted offenders can expect jail sentences and fines.

WEATHER

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CLOTHING

Uniform restrictions: Civilian clothing is required except that a uniform may be worn while on duty with or on official visits to the Portuguese Armed Forces.

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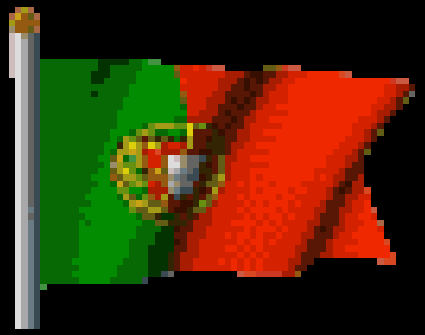

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